

School Board--Methods of Operation**BOARD MEETINGS--DECORUM**

The School Board seeks public input and participation. However, the public purpose is not served when citizens become disorderly or disrupt meetings.

The Chair may order the removal, from a public meeting held by the Board, of any person interfering with the expeditious or orderly process of such meeting, provided the Chair has first issued a warning that continued interference with the orderly process of the meeting will result in removal. Accordingly, the removal process will be designated to the Sergeant-At-Arms as determined and directed by the Chair.

Listed below are some of the types of actions which may constitute interference with the expeditious or orderly process of a Board meeting if continued after the appropriate warning.

- 1) Using any form of profanity or loud abusive comments.
- 2) Shouting comments from the audience.
- 3) Carrying of signs or placards which obstruct the view of other citizens.
- 4) Heckling or verbal outbursts in support of or in opposition to a speaker or his or her remarks.
- 5) Clapping and applauding which disrupts the meeting.
- 6) Refusing to yield the podium when the Chair has advised the speaker that his/her time is up.
- 7) Expressing comments which do not address the topic to which the speaker has signed up.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(22) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.173; 230.23005(10) F.S.

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